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1. The 17th AA Regiment is quartered in the Gheorghiu-Dej Barracks, Calea Orastiei 43. It is commanded by Col. Virgil Gracian, with Capt. Ion Costinas as adjutant. Strength 950 to 1,000 men. Divided into three battalions of three companies each, each company having four platoons. The 1st and 2nd Battalions have four AA machine guns to a company; the 3rd Battalion has eight twin machine guns. The regiment has four listening devices. The men belong to the classes of 1933 and 1934. The regiment has 36 ZIS and GAS trucks. [REDACTED] Shoulder boards decorated in blue.
2. A new 20th Grenadier (dorobanti) Regiment is being organized at Deva. Some cadres have already been assigned and it is expected to fill up the regiment with recruits from the class of 1935, called up in the fall of 1953.

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